

Category #12:

Cleaning products should not contain chlorine, chlorinated or brominated solvents.

State Response:

Although the Guidelines do not specifically state that these classes of chemicals are prohibited, most of these types of chemicals would not be permitted in excess of 0.01% under one or more of the existing criteria for toxicity or biodegradability. In general, the preferred specification or criterion specifies a health or environmental impact that is being avoided by adopting the criterion. Thus, product ingredients are generally restricted based on toxicological properties (e.g. whether chemicals are carcinogens, reproductive toxicants, skin irritants, eye irritants, skin sensitizers, etc) and effects on the environment (e.g. biodegradability, stimulation of eutrophication, creation of solid waste, etc.).

OGS will support a review and revision of the Guidelines to see if product ingredients in cleaning products that adversely affect health and the environment should be further restricted while still allowing for reasonable variety and innovation in the market.

Frequently Asked Public Comment:**No Chlorine, Chlorinated or Brominated Solvents**

--Must not contain chlorine, chlorinated or brominated solvents (Apply to Tier I Products). (Deirdre Imus, Founder and President, The Deirdre Imus Environmental Center for Pediatric Oncology, Hackensack University Medical Center, The David Joseph Jurist Research Center For Tomorrow's Children, Hackensack, NJ 07601).